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Origin

ACTION: AmEmbassy CANBERRA

Info:

INFO: AmEmbassy WELLINGTON

REF: Canberra 1575

SUBJ: ABM

1. Re Your reply to Nicholson. Although SENTINEL was not designed primarily to protect Minuteman sites, system did include some area defense and option to add local defense MINUTEMAN sites at (modified SENTINEL) (Sprint) at later date. Safeguard designed to optimize and warning protection for Minuteman and bombers and national command authorities, and retains thin area defense against small attack of kind China ~~XX~~ probably able launch in 1970's. requested Funds ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ in FY 1969 and FY 1970 budget for construction at only 2 of potential 12 sites, both in Minuteman fields, both to include local defense.

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